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(D) STATE 160484; (E) BRASILIA 5318; (F) STATE 168143

1. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF TITLE X FUNDS, THE FOLLOWING
MAY BE HELPFUL.

A) THERE IS NO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY WHICH SUPPORTS A "BIRTH
CONTROL" PROGRAM PER SE. PROGRAMS ARE DEVELOPED IN TERMS OF
RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD, FAMILY PLANNING OR FAMILY WELL-BEING.
WE ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING PROGRAMS WHICH OFFER
FAMILY PLANNING INFORMATION AND SERVICES. OBVIOUSLY, WHEN A
GOVERNMENT HAS STRONGLY OPPOSED THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR
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FAMILY PLANNING, BUT NOW APPEARS TO BE SHIFTING ITS POLICY,

WE WANT TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE THAT POLICY SHIFT. THE MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH SYSTEM IS OFTEN THE BEST AVAILABLE EFFECTIVE ROUTE FOR INTRODUCING FAMILY PLANNING INTO OFFICIAL HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS. IN DEVELOPING A NEW PROGRAM IN A COUNTRY WHERE FAMILY PLANNING IS STILL A SENSITIVE ISSUE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE FAMILY PLANNING PROPORTION MAY BE SMALLER THAN IN A MORE MATURE PROGRAM IN A LESS SENSITIVE COUNTRY. THE CRUCIAL FACTOR FOR A.E.D. TITLE X SUPPORT IS EVIDENCE OF A FAMILY PLANNING COMPONENT NO MATTER WHAT EUPHEMISM IS USED FOR THE PROGRAM. IN STUDYING FEASIBILITY AND DEVELOPING PLANS FOR MODEL INTEGRATED HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING, TITLE X FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED FOR ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COSTS. FOR IMPLEMENTATION STAGE OF MODEL, TITLE X FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR IDENTIFIABLE FAMILY PLANNING COSTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, COMMODITIES, LOCAL COSTS AND PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF TOTAL PROJECT OVERHEAD COSTS. COSTS OF HEALTH/NUTRITION COMPONENT SHOULD COME FROM OTHER SOURCES. SUCH PROJECTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY OR IN PLANNING STAGES IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WITH SEVERAL CONTRACTORS, OF WHICH AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION IS ONE. IF A MODEL PROVES SUCCESSFUL, TITLE X FUNDS WOULD BE LIMITED TO SUPPORT OF FAMILY PLANNING COMPONENT FOR LARGER SCALE REPLICATION WITHIN THE NATIONAL SYSTEM.

B) BY ITS SIZE, RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH, AND INFLUENCE IN THE HEMISPHERE, BRAZIL RANKS VERY HIGH ON A.I.D. PRIORITY LIST FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS. AS NOTED REF. (C) BRAZIL ALREADY A LEADER IN DEVELOPING IMAGINATIVE LOW-COST HEALTH DELIVERY MODELS. IN LINE WITH AGENCY POLICY, MISSION SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE CURRENT OPPORTUNITY TO ADD FAMILY PLANNING TO MODEL WHICH MAY WELL BE REPLICATED ON NATIONAL SCALE.

C) IF MOH NOW READY INCLUDE FAMILY PLANNING COMPONENT IN MINAS GERAIS MODEL, TITLE X FUNDS MAY BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER LOAN IF REQUESTED TO ADVANCE PROGRAM. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH IG DECISION.

2. COPY HANNAH RESPONSE TO MINISTER WILL BE CABLED SEPTEL. SUGGESTS MOH DISCUSS ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WITH MISSION, INDICATES TITLE X FUNDS AVAILABLE CERTAIN TYPES OF PROGRAMS, AND WE WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE ON POSSIBLE PROJECTS IF GOB DECIDES TO REQUEST THEM ON BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSION.

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3. PER REF. (B), PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4, CABLE FOLLOWS.

4. PER REF. (B) PARAGRAPH 2, AID/W RECONFIRMS POSITION REMAINS SAME AS STATED IN STATE 160484. UNDERSTAND OTHER GROUPS INTERESTED AND PREPARED TO PROVIDE REQUISITE ASSISTANCE CENTRAL LEVEL. THESE PARTIES PLAN TO DISCUSS THEIR INTEREST WITH MOH.

5. PHA/POP/LA, LA/DR, AND TA/H PREPARED TO PROVIDE TDY CONSULTATION IF MISSION REQUESTS TO CLARIFY ISSUES AND DISCUSS LOAN IMPLEMENTATION. PER REF. (F) HOWARD ETA 9/18. ROGERS

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